

COUNCIL DISPOSES OF THE CITY HALL AND PRORERTY

Ordinance Providing for Sale of Building and Site Is Passed and Deed of Conveyance Signed.

Council Will Now Set About to Vacate the Premises Preparatory to Building the New City Hall—Contemplated New Structure Will Be a Credit to the City and Will Involve the Expenditure of at Least \$40,000.

It did not take the council long to dispose of the city hall and the site upon which it stands when the municipal body finally got down to business. The special session called for last night was convened at 7:30, and at 8 the deed of conveyance had been signed, sealed and delivered, the property passing into the hands of E. M. Baker of this city and S. Morton Cohen of Portland.

All of the members of the council were present when the mayor rapped for order. The ordinance was read the third time and passed by unanimous vote. Mayor Surprenant at once attached his signature, and then the necessary papers were signed by the interested parties.

Attorney Spittle represented the purchasers. Mr. Spittle called attention to the fact that the ordinance allowed the city 60 days in which to vacate, with the understanding that the purchasers should receive monthly rental of \$100 during that time which the city occupied the premises after the signing of the bill. He added that the purchasers were not desirous of securing this rental, but rather that their object was to secure possession of the building and ground as soon as possible. Mr. Cohen wants to get his theater under way before the regatta is held, and will require some time to do this.

Chairman Hansen of the committee on public property assured Mr. Spittle the city would not dally, but that it would vacate just as soon as other quarters could be provided. He thought 30 days would suffice for removing the seat of government, and promised to get out within that time unless something unavoidable occurred. This was satisfactory to Mr. Spittle, and the deal was closed then and there. The bell tower will remain where it is for 60 days. The tower will be torn

down and the bell removed to some other location.

Will Be Fine Structure.

Members of the council say the work of getting the new city hall under way will be commenced immediately. At the next meeting of the council, on Tuesday night, preliminary steps will be taken to start the work, and it is hoped the building will be ready for occupancy within six or eight months' time.

There is a marked disposition on the part of councilmen to cause the construction of a building which will be a credit to the city. Mr. Hansen stated last night that he would favor the expenditure of at least \$40,000 on the hall, and he believed this view of the matter would be shared by a majority of the members of the council. He is opposed to the erection of a building which will have to be replaced soon, and regards the expenditure of \$40,000 as little enough.

Just where the city is to get the money to build the structure has not yet been stated. There will be \$14,999 in the city hall fund when the council begins consideration of the matter next Tuesday night, and an additional \$25,000 must be arranged for. Perhaps the council will find it possible to transfer some more money to the city hall fund from the general fund and then levy a city hall tax for the balance of the amount, issuing warrants against the special fund just as the county will do in constructing the court house. This is a problem to be wrestled with hereafter, and will be about the first bridge for the municipal guardians to cross.

Necessitates Much Change.

Sale of the city hall will keep the public property committee on the move for some time to come. The chemical engine and all of the offices in the city hall must be removed to other locations. It is the plan of the committee to send hose wagon No. 1 down to the brick engine house, at Fourth and Astor streets, and to install the chemical in the building now occupied by hose

wagon No. 1. The chemical must be centrally located.

The city hall will be wiped out of existence, and, pending other arrangements, the county jail will be used for municipal detention purposes. There is not the least doubt that the county court will gladly agree to this arrangement.

As to the location of the city offices, members of the council are somewhat in the air. When school ends for the session the school board will be consulted and asked to vacate the city's brick building, at Fourth and Astor. Only the upper story is used for school purposes, and the council will probably want to use it for city hall purposes until such time as the new hall is ready for use. If an arrangement of this kind can be effected, the city will manage to get along very nicely, but should the school board object, on the ground that the council has leased the board the property for a period which has not yet expired, there may be some trouble.

It is not at all improbable that the council will try to sell the brick structure at Fourth and Astor streets. This building cost a very large sum of money, and would sell for a sum which would constitute a valuable addition to the city hall fund. Perhaps the school board can be induced to make the purchase.

The Jail Problem.

The erection of the new city hall will make necessary many alterations in the city's present method of conducting its affairs. The city jail is now in the city hall, but should the council undertake to establish the new jail in the new hall there would go up a howl that could be heard in Portland. On the other hand, if the hall and jail were located at some distance apart, it would be necessary to march prisoners through the streets to the police court, unless a new jail were erected and the police court established at the jail. This latter scheme is regarded as the most feasible, as the idea of locating the jail at the city hall is not at all satisfactory.

When the council takes up the problem, all of these matters will be considered. Meantime members are beginning to worry on account of the big job in front of them, but all are determined to make the best possible showing for the taxpayers. It is felt that Astoria has lately taken on new life and that city and county should do their shares toward advancing the interests of the community. The city is heavily in debt, but the outlook is quite favorable from a financial point of view, and the building of the new hall can be accomplished without embarrassing the municipality.

WHOLESALE LARCENY IS UNEARTHED

United States Fur Company Nothing but an Association of Bold Thieves and Robbers.

Concern Was a Clearing House for Men Who Worked Throughout the Country.

UNDERSOLD COMPETITORS

Cheap Prices Aroused Suspicion of Men Who Investigated and Discovered Unique Method of Crime.

New York, June 2.—Samuel Filarsky, silent partner of the defunct United States Fur Company of this city, who, with Emanuel Sigman, the president of the company, is charged with grand larceny, today made a confession to Assistant District Attorney Garvin indicating that the company was a clearing house for fur thieves all over the country. Filarsky said in the confession, according to Garvin, that Sigman had many professional thieves in his employ; that he even supplied them with money and tools, and as business increased they organized the United States Fur Company to better dispose of the goods thus obtained. The company was enabled to undersell competitors and many fur dealers have been watching operations with suspicious eyes for a long time.

McClelland Wins.

St. Louis, June 2.—Jack McClelland of Pittsburg was given the decision over Abe Attell of San Francisco at the end of the fifteenth round here tonight. The fight was fast.

MAY BE IN PORTLAND.

Missing Butte Maiden Supposed to Be Heading That Way.

Butte, Mont., June 2.—Pretty Edna Wiggins, who caused a stir in Butte by mysteriously disappearing from her home, is still among the missing, although the police headquarters are flooded with reports concerning her whereabouts. Word came from Helena that she was up there, but when this was sifted down it was found that another girl had been mistaken for the fair Butte clerk.

Not a day passed but what three or four reports come in from as many different quarters, stating that the Butte belle has been located. The last report came this morning from Mrs. J. M. Small of Walla Walla, Wash. In her letter Mrs. Small wrote that her husband was a car repairer and that he had met a girl answering the description of Edna Wiggins. The girl was on a train and had stated that she was from Butte and was then on her way to Portland.

Three young men arrested some time ago in connection with the disappearance of Miss Wiggins are still held by the police.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Regatta Fund Has Been Generously Furnished by Merchants and Others Interested.

CHAIRMAN IS SELECTED

George McBride Will Guard the Destinies of This Year's Regatta and Will Make It a Huge Success.

Worn out with their long struggle after the necessary coin to carry on the regatta, but flushed with the success of their efforts, the regatta committee last night confronted the Push Club and reported to that august body that everyone had been touched and all was well. Not only has everyone been touched, but they responded

promptly under the gentle persuasion of the committee aforesaid. The report showed that the subscribers of last year had in the majority of instances made a more liberal donation for this year. Money will be received from sources never before dreamed of. At present there is down in black and white pledges to the amount of \$2853.50. The transportation companies and other corporations, with whom such things move slowly, are yet to be heard from, and when they are, the total will be, as a conservative estimate, at least \$5000. To this must be added \$1500, which is the estimate of the proceeds of the queen contest, and another \$1000 to be had from concessions, the queen's ball and other sources. Altogether, the committee will have about \$9000 with which to give Astoria a regatta the like of which she has never known.

The committee recommended that Mr. George McBride be selected as chairman, and their report was concurred in. Mr. McBride was selected by a unanimous vote. The committee then asked to be discharged, and their discharge was granted, but not until they had been tendered a vote of thanks by the club.

SCARED TO DEATH.

Aged Woman of Pendleton Dies as Result of Fright From Runaway.

Pendleton, Ore., June 2.—Mrs. Alex McKenzie, aged 54 years, was scared to death while driving to Athena with her husband today. The horse became frightened at some potholes and jumped suddenly to one side, throwing Mr. McKenzie out of the buggy. When he arose he found his wife was dead.

Murderer Electrocuted.

Columbus, O., June 2.—Carl Berg, sentenced to death for the murder of John Geuford in July, 1903, was electrocuted at the Ohio state penitentiary at 10:25 a. m.

Hearst Gets Wyoming.

Cheyenne, Wyo., June 2.—The Wyoming democratic state convention today selected delegates to the national convention and instructed for William R. Hearst for the presidency.

The World's Fair Route.

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